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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL FROM S/PRS

1. WASHINGTON POST:

A. "DISPUTE PERILS U.S.-3RD WORLD ACCORD" - (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST): "A DISPUTE ERUPTED TODAY BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND OF THE THIRD WORLD, THREATENING A BREAKDOWN IN WEEK-LONG NEGOTIATIONS OVER A FORMULA FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES.

"THE DISPUTE SURFACED AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN TOLD A NATIONAL TELEVISION AUDIENCE THAT 'THE SUBSTANCE OF AN AGREEMENT' REACHED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING HAD BEEN THREATENED BECAUSE 'THE OTHER SIDE PUT IN NEW LANGUAGE JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO.'

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"'WHERE WE THOUGHT WE HAD AN AGREEMENT,' HE SAID ON MEET THE PRESS (NBC), 'EVIDENTLY WE DO NOT.'

"MOYNIHAN'S WORDS SURPRISED AND ANGERED A NUMBER OF THIRD

WORLD NEGOTIATORS HERE, WHO MAINTAINED THAT THEY NEVER HAD

AGREED TO THE KEY PARAGRAPH OF A LONG RESOLUTION TO BE PUT BEFORE THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE SESSION IS SCHEDULED TO END TOMORROW.

"A NUMBER OF WEST EUROPEAN NEGOTIATORS DISPUTED MOYNIHAN'S INTERPRETATION OF THE SITUATION, SAYING THAT NO AGREEMENT ON THE WORDING HAD BEEN REACHED IN THE TALKS.

"U.S. OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED THAT SOME THIRD WORLD DELEGATIONS WERE TRYING TO SABOTAGE AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE POOREST AMONG THEM. 'THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SAYING NO,' ONE OFFICIAL SAID, 'WOULDN'T LOSE ANYTHING ANYWAY IF WE FAIL HERE. THEY DON'T REPRESENT THE REALLY POOREST NATIONS.'

"THE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION WOULD SET THE TONE AND THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS FOR ALL THE COMPROMISES THAT FOLLOW. IN THE U.S. WORDING, IT WOULD LEAVE UNCHANGED THE CONCEPT THAT THE WORLD ECONOMY MUST CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO MARKET FORCES -- THAT THE BENEFITS FOR POOR NATIONS WOULD BE COMPENSATORY. THE THIRD WORLD WORDING ASSERTS THE PRINCIPLE THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO REGULATE WORLD MARKETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR.

"IT IS A PRINCIPLE, MOYNIHAN SAID, TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES CANNOT AGREE. 'THEY WANT A SYMBOLIC SURRENDER FROM THE U.S., AN ADMISSION OF GUILT,' MOYNIHAN SAID IN HIS TV APPEARANCE. 'BUT WE ARE NOT GUILTY. SORRY. THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.' ..."

B. "U.S. SAID TO PLEDGE 2ND GOLAN PULLBACK" (FROM NEWS DISPATCHES): "THE UNITED STATES HAS PLEDGED TO ACHIEVE A SECOND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIA'S GOLAN HEIGHTS AND TO INSURE THAT SYRIA WAS NOT ATTACKED BEFORE THEN, EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMI SAID YESTERDAY. UNCLASSIFIED

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"THERE ARE PLEDGES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN THE UNITED STATES TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER DISENGAGEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT. THERE IS ALSO A PLEDGE OF NON-AGGRESSION ON SYRIA,' FAHMI TOLD A DELEGATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FROM EGYPT'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN CAIRO.

"THERE WERE OTHER PLEDGES, HE SAID, TO MAKE 'CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND CONTINUED MOMENTUM UNTIL SUCH A SETTLEMENT IS REACHED.'

"ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN SAID SEPT. 5 THAT THERE WAS 'ABSOLUTELY NO PROMISE OF ANY KIND TO EITHER THE U.S. OR EGYPT -- THAT ISRAEL WOULD ENTER INTO THE SAME SORT OF

INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH SYRIA.' ..."

C. "SPAIN STANDS FIRM IN TALKS ON BASES: - MIGUEL ACOCA:

"SPAIN WILL LET THE CONTROVERSIAL U.S. BASES AGREEMENT EXPIRE ON SCHEDULE IN 12 DAYS UNLESS ITS TWIN DEMANDS FOR AN AMERICAN 'MUTUAL SECURITY' COMMITMENT AND \$1.5 BILLION IN MODERN WEAPONS ARE MET THIS WEEK DURING TALKS IN WASHINGTON, SPANISH OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY.

"STIFF SPANISH TERMS HAVE DEADLOCKED CURRENT TALKS TO RENEW THE BASES AGREEMENT FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS ALMOST SINCE THEY STARTED 10 MONTHS AGO WITH ALTERNATE MEETINGS HERE AND IN WASHINGTON. THE FIRST NEGOTIATING ROUND BEFORE THE SEPT. 28 EXPIRATION DATE OF THE PRESENT 'DEFENSE AND COOPERATION' ARRANGEMENTS IS SCHEDULED TO START MONDAY IN WASHINGTON. ...

"SPANISH OFFICIALS SAID THAT IF THE CLOCK RUNS OUT WITHOUT AGREEMENT, THERE WOULD BE NO EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT ACCORD AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO BE OUT OF THE BASES BY SEPT. 28, 1976...."

D. "ETHIOPIAN SEEN PREDICTING EARLY CLOSURE OF U.S. BASE"
- DAVID B. OTTAWAY:"BRIG. GEN. TREFERI BANTE, CHAIRMAN OF ETHIOPIA'S RULING PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WAS QUOTED TODAY AS SAYING THAT THE U.S. COMMUNICATION STATION IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF ASMARA WILL BE CLOSED DOWN BY THE END OF THIS WEEK INSTEAD OF BEING ALLOWED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUE IN OPERATION UNTIL 1978.

"BUT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION BECAUSE OF A TRANSLATION PROBLEM ABOUT WHETHER HE MEANT THE STATION, WHICH CAME UNDER ATTACK FRIDAY NIGHT FROM SECESSIONIST ERITREAN GUERRILLAS, WILL BE COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN OR PERMITTED TO OPERATE AT A REDUCED LEVEL AS A KEY RADIO RELAY LINK IN THE WORLDWIDE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

"TWO AMERICAN ENLISTED MEN AND SIX ETHIOPIANS WERE REPORTED 'MISSING' TODAY FROM THE STATION'S TRANSMITTER FACILITY SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF ASMARA FOLLOWING THE GUERRILLA RAID ON THE ISOLATED POST.

"IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THEY ARE DEAD OR ALIVE, BUT THE IMMEDIATE PRESUMPTION HERE WAS THAT THEY HAD BEEN KIDNAPED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

"THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT, THE GROUP BEHIND THE SECESSIONIST WAR IN THE NORTHERN RED SEA PROVINCE, HOLDS TWO OTHER AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO WERE KIDNAPED FROM THE SAME SPOT IN MID-JULY. ANOTHER TWO AMERICANS WERE KILLED BY A

LAND MINE THREE WEEKS AGO WHILE TRAVELING TO THE TRANSMITTER FACILITY.

"THE SPATE OF KIDNAPPINGS AND KILLINGS OF AMERICANS WORKING AT THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IMMEDIATELY RAISED SERIOUS DOUBTS WHETHER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD CONTINUE OPERATING THE STATION EVEN IF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AGREED TO IT.

"THE ERITREAN FRONT, WHICH IMMEDIATELY TOOK CREDIT FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS FOR THE LATEST SEIZURE OF AMERICANS, SAID THE U.S. FACILITY IN ASMARA WAS NOW BEING INCLUDED AS A TARGET FOR ITS ATTACKS.

"IF TRUE, THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE A DEPARTURE FROM ITS PAST TARGETS AND WOULD PROBABLY FORCE THE PENTAGON TO CLOSE DOWN ITS OPERATION THERE, OR ELSE RISK THE KILLING
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AND KIDNAPING OF MANY OTHER AMERICANS. ..."

2. BALTIMORE SUN:

A. "TURKEY AGAIN ALLOWS OPIUM" (ASSOCIATED PRESS):

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SAYS IT IS CONFIDENT IT HAS PREVENTED TURKISH OPIUM POPPIES FROM REACHING ILLICIT HEROIN MARKETS, SO IT PLANS TO LICENSE 100,000 FARMERS TO GROW POPPIES AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR MEDICINAL USES.
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